

Your One-Stop Shop for Aging and Disability Information

What is an ADRC?

- A **visible and trusted place** in the community where people can get information and counseling on all available long term support options
- A **single point of entry** to public long term support services that **enables** people to make informed decisions and provides **streamlined access** to services
- A **partnership** between agencies to assist consumers and provide follow-up to ensure access to services.

Functions of an ADRC

Awareness & Information

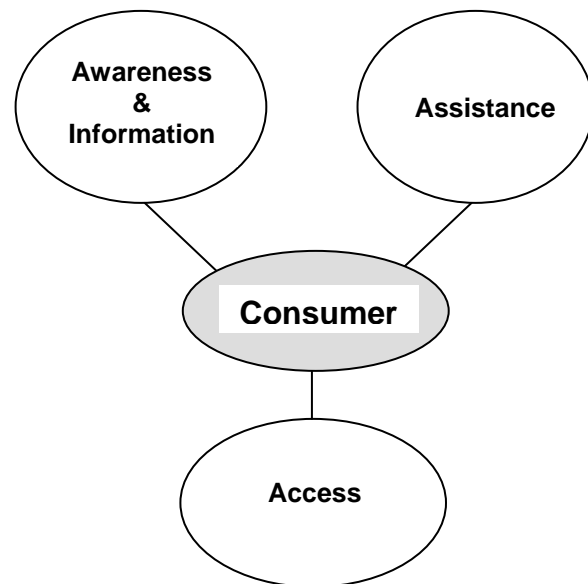
Public Education
Information on Options

Assistance

Referral
Crisis Intervention
Options Counseling
Benefits Counseling
Planning for Future Needs
Employment Options Counseling

Access

Eligibility Screening
Private Pay Services
Comprehensive Assessment
Programmatic Eligibility Determination
Medicaid Financial Eligibility Determination
One-Stop Access to all public programs



South Carolina ADRCs

Target Populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People aged 60+ • Adults with physical disabilities (disabilities served vary among ADRCs) • Family members, caregivers 	Current ADRCs and Service Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Savannah: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Orangeburg • Santee Lynches: Clarendon, Lee, Kershaw, Sumter
Reaching an ADRC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit a physical location • Call a local or toll free telephone number • Search on-line: www.SCAccesshelp.org 	ADRCs opening Spring 2007 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appalachia: Anderson, Oconee • Trident: Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester • Pee Dee: Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marlboro, Marion

For more information on ADRCs in South Carolina, call 803-734-9939.



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ADRCs create a **single, coordinated system** of information and access for **seniors and adults with physical disabilities** seeking long term care by minimizing confusion, enhancing individual choice, and supporting informed decision-making.

ADRCs:

- **make it easier** for older individuals and adults with physical disabilities to access health and social supports
- **help** persons stay healthy and active in their communities
- **support** families in their efforts to care for their loved ones at home and in the community
- **streamline** eligibility for seniors and adults with physical disabilities by:
 - simplifying intake, eligibility screening and determination processes
 - integrating and coordinating the process between programs and agencies
 - targeting individuals who are at imminent risk of being institutionalized
 - ensuring that consumers understand their choices

Background of ADRC Initiative

- Grants-based program announced in March, 2003, as a **first-ever partnership** between the Administration on Aging (AoA) and the Center for Medicaid/Medicare Services (CMS).
- **South Carolina was one of the first 12 successful grant applicants** nationwide. As of January, 2007, 43 states have ADRCs.
- Provides states with the means and support to effectively integrate long term support resources for consumers into a single coordinated system

National Vision

- Embrace the vision of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to serve all ages & income levels
- Continue the vision of President Bush's New Freedom Initiative that calls for equal access for individuals with disabilities
- Create partnerships between the Aging Network and CMS to implement consumer-directed care
- Include ADRCs in Older Americans Act Reauthorization; advocate for ADRCs to be central intake for all long term care services (CMS position)
- Increase visibility of long term supports within state government.

South Carolina Achievements

- **Leader in National initiatives** (Real Choice, Medicaid Infrastructure, ADRC, Systems Transformation)
- **Streamlined access** to information and resources through **SC Access**
- **Initiated partnership** with Community Long Term Care (CLTC) to provide help to those on waiting lists
- **Implemented electronic applications:**
 - Medicaid Long Term Care
 - GAPS (state senior prescription program)
 - Aged/Blind/Disabled (coming soon)
- **Developed state agency and community partnerships** to provide comprehensive assistance for callers

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